

Scalabrinians Records on Chicago
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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Title	Scalabrinians Records on Chicago Churches
Date [inclusive]	1920-1982
Extent	1.0 Linear feet
Location note	CMS.059 is housed at the Provincial House of the Province of Saint Charles, Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, 27 Carmine Street, New York, New York, 10014.
Language	English
Abstract	CMS.059 documents, via photographs and published ephemera, activities in Chicago carried out by members of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, a congregation of male religious founded to minister to migrants, in five parishes and at their provincial house, all in the city of Chicago, Illinois, between 1920 and 1982.

Preferred Citation note

Center for Migration Studies of New York; Scalabrinians Records on Chicago Churches (CMS 059); Box; Folder.

Scope and Contents note

CMS.059 is an artificial collection that has its origins in the work of the Rev. Silvano M. Tomasi, c.s. Father Tomasi was in the 1970s Provincial Superior of the Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians. Most members of his religious congregation had historically worked in parishes with Italian immigrants. Father Tomasi asked that members consider donating documents from these parishes to the newly formed Center for Migration Studies. Five parishes in Chicago contributed small amounts of material, as did the provincial house of the Province of Saint John the Baptist, western counterpart to the Saint Charles Province. Archivist Nicholas J. Falco brought these small donations together as CMS.059.

All the institutions documented in this collection have in common an association with the Scalabrini Fathers, a presence in the city limits of Chicago, and a history of providing pastoral care to Chicago's Italian Americans. They differ in the types of records contributed. Almost all have some sort of published history. Other documents include photographs and reports. No one parish has enough material for a complete history of that parish. However, all the Series present snapshots of particular places and times. Taken together, they allow for useful generalizations about the history of Chicago, and of the city's Italian-American and American Catholic communities.

Arrangement note

CMS.059 is arranged into six Series, one for each parish represented in the collection and a sixth for the provincial house, which is the residence and workplace of the clergy who administer the affairs of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians in the western part of the United States, in western Canada, and in Mexico.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Center for Migration Studies

Conditions Governing Access note

CMS.059 is available to researchers by appointment.

Conditions Governing Use note

CMS has the copyright to the material in Collection #059. Persons wishing to publish material from CMS.059 must seek permission.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

The elements of CMS.059 were contributed to the Center for Migration Studies by the parishes represented therein and by the provincial house of the Saint John the Baptist Province.

Processing Information note

Nicholas J. Falco processed CMS.059, completing the project in February 1987. In July 2017, Mary Brown inputted the finding aid into Archivists' Toolkit, using the rules found in "Describing Archives: A Content Standard."

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

CMS.055, Santa Maria Addolorata (Chicago, Ill.) Records.

CMS.060, Scalabrinians Records on Melrose Park, Illinois, Churches and Institutions.

CMS.078C, Province of Saint Charles, Society of Saint Charles Scalabrinians, Records Addendum #2.

CMS.114, Italians of Chicago Oral History Project Transcript.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Scalabrinians.

Geographic Name(s)

- Chicago (Ill.)

Subject(s)

- Church work with immigrants |z Catholic Church
- Italian Americans |x Religion
- Italians |z Illinois |z Chicago |x History.

Other Finding Aids note

The original print finding aid of CMS.059 is available upon request.

Saint Michael (established 1903)**Collection Inventory****Bin**

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Saint Michael (established 1903) 1948-1952**Scope and Contents note**

The material on Saint Michael's covers not only some parish history but also provides biographical information on the Rev. Luigi Donanzan, c.s., who was instrumental in promoting the work of the American Committee on Italian Migration (ACIM), an organization dedicated to reducing restrictions in U.S. immigration law. The Series includes a three-page 1940 Department of Labor memorandum on Americanization work, between 35 and 40 photographs taken between 1948 and 1959 showing Father Donanzan with various groups, a series of 1950s "Special Bulletins" on the issue of tithing, a 1953 tribute to Father Donanzan called "The Work of an Italian Priest in America," a 1953 building fund appeal titled "For Our Children and Community: A Challenge to All, a 1953 souvenir history journal of Saint Michael's fiftieth anniversary, a 1959 ACIM dinner program, a draft of a 1959 speech that Father Donanzan may have prepared for that dinner, some 1959 newspaper clippings, and a 1982 tribute to Father Donanzan entitled "Fifth Years of Faithful Stewardship in the Lord's Vineyard."

Box

1

Our Lady of Pompeii (established 1911) 1920-1965**Scope and Contents note**

This Series contains one 1920 5x7" glass negative of an unidentified altar, church bulletins from January 15 and February 1, 1936, a souvenir history journal from Our Lady of Pompeii's fiftieth anniversary in 1961, a 1963 history by Jordon Levin, consulting historian to the Department of Urban Renewal, a program from a 1965 dinner-dance honoring a Mr. John D'Arco, and another church bulletin, this time from May 30, 1965.

Box

2

Saint Callistus (established 1919) 1941-1960

Saint Lucy (established 1943)

Scope and Contents note

This Series consists of the first issue of Saint Callistus' bilingual bulletin, dated February 23, 1941, and a 1960s postcard depicting the church and school.

Saint Lucy (established 1943) 1968**Box**

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Scope and Contents note

This Series consists of a souvenir church history published in 1968 in conjunction with Saint Lucy's twenty-fifth anniversary.

Saint Anthony (established 1902) 1935-1941**Box**

2

Scope and Contents note

This Series consists of about 55 bilingual church bulletins for the years 1935-1941, and also one church bulletin from 1945.

Provincial Residence 1956-1962**Box**

2

Scope and Contents note

This Series consists of a program from the Fourth Annual Benefit of the Scalabrini League, held April 22, 1956, and a 1962 history of the Province of Saint John the Baptist.